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SUBJ: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING AUGUST 18, 1975 (SALT TWO-731)

1. ARTICLE IV.7/4. SOVIETS TABLED NEW LANGUAGE FOR ARTICLE IV, PARAGRAPH 7: "THE PARTIES UNDERTAKE NOT TO SUPPLY FIXED LAND-BASED ICBM LAUNCHER DEPLOYMENT FIELDS WITH, AND NOT TO STORE IN THESE FIELDS, MISSILES IN EXCESS OF A NUMBER CONSISTENT WITH NORMAL REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING MAINTENANCE, TRAINING AND REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS. THIS OBLIGATION SHALL NOT REQUIRE CHANGES IN THE PARTIES' EXISTING PRACTICES." THE SOVIETS SAID THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS DESIGNED TO TAKE CARE OF SUBPARAGRAPHS (A) AND (B) AND TO RULE OUT SUPPLYING FIXED ICBM DEPLOYMENT FIELDS WITH MISSILES IN EXCESS OF NORMAL REQUIREMENTS. WHEN ASKED FOR THEIR VIEWS ON THE US PROPOSAL NOT TO PROVIDE STORAGE FACILITIES OR TO STORE ADDITIONAL MISSILES AT ICBM LAUNCH SITES, THE SOVIETS MAINTAINED THAT THEIR PROPOSAL WAS COMPLETE AND COMPREHENSIVE. DURING A PRIVATE DISCUSSION, KARPOV ARGUED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO PROHIBIT STORAGE AT LAUNCH SITES BECAUSE ADDITIONAL MISSILES CAN BE MOVED QUICKLY TO THE SITE BY HELICOPTER.

2. DRAWING ON THE INSTRUCTION CONTAINED IN STATE 191789, WE

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DEFINED DEPLOYMENT FIELD AND LAUNCH SITE, BUT WITHOUT ANY USE

OF DIMENSIONS FOR PURPOSES OF EXPLANATION. THE SOVIET WILL REVIEW THE US EXPLANATION.

3. ARTICLE III.3. WE TABLED NEW LANGUAGE FOR ARTICLE III, PARAGRAPH 3: "FOR EACH BOMBER EQUIPPED FOR ASBM'S, THE AGGREGATE NUMBER PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL INCLUDE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SUCH MISSILES FOR WHICH SUCH BOMBER IS EQUIPPED FOR ONE OPERATIONAL MISSION." WE EXPLAINED THAT THE CHANGES WERE DESIGNED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL AND TO MAKE THE LANGUAGE INTERNALLY CONSISTENT.

4. HEAVY BOMBERS/ASBM'S. IN LINE WITH THEIR PLENARY STATEMENT OF 15 AUGUST (SALT TWO-730) RESTRICTING ASM'S WITH RANGES GREATER THAN 600 KM TO HEAVY BOMBERS ONLY, THE SOVIETS TABLED THE CHANGES IN ARTICLE III, PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 3, AND ARTICLE VI, PARAGRAPH 2(C). NO EXPLANATION WAS SUPPLIED. JOHNSON

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